

My name is Jasmine Wiley and I live on Franklin Street. Although I do not live within the limits of the density ordinance, I am a young woman going to school in the 15<sup>th</sup> drunkest city in America (according to Men's Health Magazine)

As a first year medical student and a future care taker of this community, I am interested in the policies which affect the public's health. Often in medicine the problems and solutions are complicated and difficult. Other times, the solutions are simple. One simple and effective tool that we have to fight alcohol abuse is limiting the number of alcohol outlets. By doing this we can preserve the public's health and limit the economic and health-care related burden of alcohol related disease.

We could be making Madison a safer, healthier place, while minimizing the source of major economic costs that our community, and state face. The ALRC was created to reduce the number of alcohol licenses in the downtown area because of the unusually high amount of violence in the area.

Some people may say that not allowing more alcohol in the downtown area is hindering the development and prosperity of Madison, but it is likely that the cost of alcohol abuse the community carries is nowhere near justified by the limited economic development that increased alcohol allowances would create.

The only people really gaining from having more licenses downtown are the property owners-which means that the rest of the community loses; sometimes its a few hours of sleep, a few million dollars, and sometimes it's a friend or family member. Help people make the right decision.

It is imperative that the density ordinance be permanent.

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